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National and International News

E-Upahaar Portal	Why in the news? Selected gift items presented to the President and former Presidents on various occasions will be auctioned by Rashtrapati Bhavan through an online portal called E-Upahaar. About E-Upahaar Portal: Auction Portal: An initiative of the President's Secretariat, Rashtrapati Bhavan, for auctioning gift items presented to the Hon'ble President and former Presidents of India. Launch Date: The portal was launched by the President of India on July 25, 2024. Development: Conceptualized, designed, developed, and hosted by the National Informatics Centre (NIC), Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology. Objectives: Increase citizen engagement. Support noble causes. Donate all proceeds from the auction to help children in need.
Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme (IDSP)	 Why in the news? Last year, the Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme reported a total of 1,862 disease outbreaks, with Kerala having the highest number, as informed to the Lok Sabha recently. About Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme (IDSP): Programme Overview:



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	 Monitor disease trends and detect/respond to outbreaks early through trained Rapid Response Teams (RRTs). Human Resource Development: Training of State Surveillance Officers, District Surveillance Officers, RRTs, and other medical/paramedical staff on disease surveillance principles. Information Communication Technology (ICT): Use of ICT for data collection, collation, compilation, analysis, and dissemination. Strengthening of public health laboratories. Intersectoral coordination for zoonotic diseases.
Cultural Property Agreement	Why in the news? • The Government of India and the Government of the United States of America recently signed the first-ever 'Cultural Property Agreement' on the sidelines of the 46th World Heritage Committee meeting at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi.
	 About Cultural Property Agreement: Objective: To prevent and curb the illicit trafficking of antiquities from India to the USA. Alignment: Aligned with the 1970 UNESCO Convention on prohibiting and preventing the illicit import, export, and transfer of ownership of cultural property. Import Restrictions: Restricts importation into the USA of certain archaeological material (1.7 million years ago to 1770 CE). Restricts importation of certain ethnological material, including:
Climate Finance Action Fund	Why in the news? • Azerbaijan, the host of the 29th Conference of Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, has announced the establishment of the 'Climate Finance Action Fund'.
	About Climate Finance Action Fund: • Capitalisation and Contributors:



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	 Fund will be capitalised by fossil fuel-producing countries and companies from oil, gas, and coal sectors. Azerbaijan is a founding contributor. Purpose and Operation: A catalytic public-private partnership fund. Mobilises private sector investment and de-risks investment. Contains special facilities with concessional and grant-based support for natural disasters in developing countries. Fundraising and Operationalisation: Becomes operational after the initial fundraising round of \$1 billion. Requires 10 contributing countries committed as shareholders. Capital Allocation: 50% directed towards climate projects in developing countries (mitigation, adaptation, and R&D). 50% allocated to help members meet their Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) to maintain the 1.5°C temperature target. Headquarters: Secretariat located in Baku, Azerbaijan.
Asian Disaster Preparedness	Why in the news?
Centre	 India has assumed the Chair of the Asian Disaster Preparedness Centre (ADPC) for 2024-25.
	About Asian Dispeter Preparedness Centres
	About Asian Disaster Preparedness Centre: • It is an autonomous international organization established in 1986.
	It is for cooperation in and implementation of disaster risk reduction
	 and building climate resilience in Asia and the Pacific region. Member countries: India, Bangladesh, Cambodia, China, Nepal,
	Pakistan, Philippines, Sri Lanka and Thailand are the founding members.
	ADPC's international Charter was signed by nine founding
	member countries and it was put into effect in 2018 through the ratification by all the founding members.
	As of January 2020, ADPC is operating as an autonomous
	international organization governed by the Board of Trustees.
	Headquarter: Bangkok, Thailand and sub-centers in the country of

operations are the operational parts of ADPC.



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